

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

CULTURAL COMPETENCY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 13, 2016

Present: Alicia Bardales, CL; Andy Vigil, Drew Child Development; Ann Lee, SA 8 Long Beach/South Bay Geo Initiative; Araceli Gomez; Bernice Mascher, AI/AN community member; Betty Dandino; LACCC, chair; Blanca Watson, CL; Brian Valdez, CL; Carlos Valdez, Coalición Latina; Carlos Ludena, CL; Cindy Rojas, CL; Christine Oh, LA County Public Health; Cindy Rojas, CL; Emma Hernandez, CL; Harold Turner, NAMI Urban LA; Haydee Guevara, Latino Coalition; Isela Gonzalez; Jane Kim, KYCC; Jennifer Wright, DMH Women Center; Joo Lee, DMH; Karen Macedonio, SAAC 5, co-chair; Leticia Ximenez, DMH Community & Government Relations Division – CCC Co-chair; Luis Garcia, Tri-City Mental Health Services; Namocatcat Lolita, APCTC; Perla Valdez, CL; Reina De Cuellar, DMH SA 2/Outreach and Engagement; Reyna Leyva, SA 4 Administration; Robert A. Valdez, Coalición Latina; Rosa Trigueros, CL; Rosita Lopez, CL; Roxana Linares, PSB-QID; Sawako Nitao, Asian Coalition; Sandra Clayton, LACC; Sonya Smith; Sunnie Whipple, AI/AN community member; Tiffany Flood, Didi Hirsch; Veronica Ramirez, DMH Volunteer; Yovette Roldan, SCHARP/BFA; Yue Hua Xu (Vicki), DMH SA 3; Zoila, CL.

Participants via Webex: Dennis Murata, PSB Deputy Director; Lisha Singleton, DMH; Luis Ramirez; Martin McDermott; Bayfront; Rocco Cheng; Pam Inaba; Sandra Chang Ptasinski, PSB-QID; Sharon Lyles, MH Commissioner; Tracy Lyle; Wendy Cabil, DMH SA 1; Winnie Hsieh; Yvette Ruben, DMH SA 5

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Welcome & Introductions	Attendee introductions		CCC membership
Review of Minutes	June minutes reviewed and approved.		Co-chairs
MHSOAC Update	No update available		
ESM Update	<p>A. California Reducing Disparities Report (CRDP) Strategic Plan</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The California Department of Public Health Office of Health Equity is re-distributing the CRDP Strategic Plan to inform Counties, DHCS and community partners that they are being called to collaborate to reduce disparities. The redistribution is also taking place to ensure that the new leadership has the opportunity to review the Strategic Plan. 2) The Office of Health Equity received more than eight hundred pages worth of feedback for the Strategic Plan and reported that it was impossible to include all feedback. The CCC feedback was submitted but it is unknown if it was included. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ESM will send the referenced documents to the CCC electronically 	Sandra Chang Ptasinski

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	<p>B. 2016 CalEQRO System Review</p> <p>1) The LACDMH CalEQRO Draft Report was received from Behavioral Health Concepts on June 6, 2016 for feedback. The final report was submitted to DHCS and LACDMH on June 27, 2016.</p> <p>C. Consent Forms for CCC photographs</p> <p>1) The ESM spoke to PIO and clarified that a signed consent form is not necessary for DMH employees, however, it is required for consumers, family members, and community members.</p> <p>D. Federal Excellence in Mental Health Act</p> <p>1) This white paper is being discussed at the State level. President Obama signed new legislation, which includes the Excellence in Mental Health Act. This Act will provide incentives to community mental health centers that cover a broad range of MHS such as: 24-hour crisis intervention including mobile crisis teams; integrated physical health, mental health, and substance abuse treatment; case management; peer support; family support; services for Veterans and members of the Armed Forces; and partnerships with the Child Welfare, Criminal Justice, and Foster Care Systems.</p> <p>2) Community Centers that meet these requirements will qualify to bill Medicaid, like the Federally Qualified Health Centers do.</p> <p>E. 2017 CC Summit</p> <p>1) The CC Summit will be held in Sonoma County in Summer 2017</p> <p>2) Tentative Summit dates are March 13th-17th, 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ESM will continue to share CC Summit information as it becomes available 	
SLT Update	<p>A. The SLT meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday of the month and are open to the public</p> <p>B. During the June's meeting, there was a moment of silence to acknowledge the Miami Club shooting</p> <p>C. The SLT facilitator, Rigo Rodriguez, was acknowledged for his 10 years of service. His last day as facilitator was June 15, 2016</p> <p>D. Some of the SLT focus areas include: Working with non-traditional partners, extending the reach beyond LACDMH, staying in line with policies, and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CCC Co-chairs will bring SLT agendas and minutes to the CCC meetings. 	Bernice Mascher

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	<p>simplifying contracts</p> <p>E. Specific initiatives/projects discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Whole Person Care 2) Certified Behavior Care Centers 3) Continue of Care Reform with Foster Youth and Transition Youth 4) No Place Like Home 5) Housing Projects <p>F. MHSA Update: The Little Hoover Commission – a newsletter highlights the successes and innovations from last year in working with the Measurements, Outcomes and Quality Assessment Report (MOQA), which allows counties to share similar projects for purposes of problem solving and finding solutions. Additionally, MHSA funds are being used for current MHSA initiatives and innovations</p> <p>G. The SLT meeting for the month of July 2016 has been cancelled. The next meeting will be in August 2016</p> <p>H. Bernice Mascher volunteered to take any concerns, questions, or any area of interest from the CCC membership to the SLT meetings</p> <p>I. Dennis Murata, PSB Acting Chief Deputy Director, will confirm the next SLT orientation and inform the CCC Co-chairs</p> <p>J. The CCC membership requested copies of the SLT handouts. Dennis Murata approved the distribution of these documents since the SLT is a public meeting</p>		
Presentations of 2015 Workgroup Products	<p>As a follow-up to last month's meeting, the 2015 and 2016 Workgroups were scheduled to present the products generated for the CCC to vet and discuss next steps:</p> <p>A. Integrated Data & Forensic Diversion Workgroup</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) This Workgroup's presentation was postponed until next CCC meeting in August 2016 <p>B. Outreach & Presentations Workgroup</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) This Workgroup completed the Goals, Objectives and Collaboration Form during their Workgroup meeting today. The Workgroup asked the CCC to consider their form a living document, as it will continue to be updated. 2) This Workgroup is creating packets for distribution at the SAAC meetings, which will include: CCC meeting schedule, CCC PowerPoint presentation, 		

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	<p>Committee demographics, CLAS definition of culture, CCC activities, Liaison Roster, LGBTQI2-S glossary, and the UsCC subcommittees information</p> <p>3) The Workgroup will also include a sheet of the CCC membership responses to the following question: What is the benefit of being part of the CCC?</p> <p>a. The Co-chairs allowed some time for answers during and after today's CCC meeting. Input from the membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Getting to know the difference cultures and having more conferences related to cultural competency • Trainings on how to speak to the diverse groups and training on public speaking • Working on specific projects that will be implemented • Have a voice, share life experience, and representing other Native Americans • Learning to understand the different cultures, not only people's backgrounds • Mutual benefits of the multicultural communities, being able to learn and take that back to the community, and help with different resources when needed • The different cultures that meet and the guidance that comes from the CCC presenters and the various topics that are discussed during meetings • Being able to help others with the information given at these meetings • Being able to take helpful information back to the Senior Center and friends • The community is very multicultural and we can work together to learn about and help these groups.” <p>4) The purpose of this Workgroup is also to enhance the communication between the CCC and SLT</p>		
Mental Health Spirituality	The Adhoc Workgroup for the CCC workshop during the conference reported on the evaluations forms filled out by the audience as follows:		

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Conference	<p>A. Overall, the CCC workgroup went well. It was attended by consumers, family members, LACDMH staff, and faith-based leaders</p> <p>B. The CCC PowerPoint was presented by the Co-chairs and ESM, who covered the CCC's anchoring definitions, mission and goals, and the concepts of shifting cultural perspectives and spirituality</p> <p>C. Three CCC members participated in the panel presentation segment: Sunnie Whipple, Sharon Lyle, and Reyna De Cuellar</p> <p>D. The panelists answered four questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “What does spirituality mean to you and to your culture? • In your culture, how is mental health seen and addressed? • How does your spirituality help you cope with the traumas in your life and support your recovery/healing? • How can mental health professionals and clergy be culturally sensitive and support your spirituality in providing you services?” <p>E. Positive feedback for all questions of the evaluations forms including what the audience liked the most, what they liked the least and additional comments regarding the CCC workshop.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The evaluations were positive • The panelists and presenters were praised a job well done • The information presented on culture and cultural competency was valuable • The presenters made sure the audience understood that spirituality is a part of culture • Naga Kasarabada and Mirtala Parada Ward, PSB-QID managers, attended the MH Spirituality Conference and suggested taking this workshop presentation to different groups such as the District Chiefs and Executive Management Team meetings • The Faith Based Advocacy Council has requested a presentation of the CCC workshop <p>F. The Adhoc Workgroup members for the CCC Workshop include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bernice Mascher • Leticia Ximénez • Reina DeCuellar • Reyna Leyva 		

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Next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday, August 10th, 2016, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm at 550 S. Vermont Ave, 3rd floor conference room, Los Angeles, CA 90020		

Respectfully Submitted,

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